

Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.

As the Representative of the 47th Congressional District of California, I have a very diverse community, and a lot of them fall into the Asian and Pacific Islander American community. As a proud cosponsor of House Resolution 435, which celebrates Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, I would like to first thank the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus for recognizing the important contributions made by their community to our Nation.

For the past 14 years, I have witnessed firsthand the rich culture and contributions that the Asian Pacific Islander community brings to my district in Orange County. The community is an integral component of Orange County, and we see leadership all over the place in Orange County from that community increasingly, as leaders in academia and the arts and government and the military and in the private sector.

I would like to recognize all of the community partners and their outstanding service in the Asian Pacific Islander American community of Orange County and their continued efforts.